Formulation of Master Plan by different States

1112 SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether different States have been asked to formulate Master Plans for their cities and towns,

(b) whether there is any system of monitoring the growth and development of Cities in different States,

(c) whether any incentive is being given to States to formulate Master Plan for different cities and towns, and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to encourage States to plan their urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN). (a) Urban development is a State subject Hence the responsibility of preparation of development plans/master plans for the towns/cities develops upon the State Government concerned

(b) Growth of the area and population of cities is maintained on a periodical basis with the help of Census data The State Governments, through their State Town planning Departments/Local Bodies/Improvement Trusts, etc are making effort to monitor the orderly growth and development of the towns/cities .

(c) and (d) At present there is no such scheme operating in the Central sector

Stoppage of Gomti Express near Aligarh

1113. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobs near Aligarh Railway Station has stopped the Delhi bound Gomti Express on the 8th December, 1990 and lynched several persons including the railway officials;

(b) whether Railway Protection Force available in the said train;

(c) if so, what action RPF has taken when mobs attacked the train, and

(d) the steps Government have taken/Proposed to take to provide safe journey to its commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS) (a) Yes Sir On 8-12-1990 at about 12 05 hrs an unruly mob stopped train No. 2419 Up Gomti Express at outer signal near East Cabin at Aligarh and attacked the passengers and Railway officials. The State Police have registered a criminal case in this regard

(b) and (c) No, Sir The train was escorted by GRP/Uttar Pradesh

(d) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh which is responsible for maintaining law and order on the Railway premises including trains, are taking adequate security measures in the affected areas and the railways are extending assistance wherever required

Recruitment promotions seniority and transfer policies of ITDC

1114. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC's existing Recruitment Promotion, Seniority and Transfer Policies and Rules are unilateral, arbitrary and prejudicial to the interest of majority of its serving employees;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the factual position and basis thereof; and

(c) what efforts are being made to make them more realistic for the overall benefit of its employees and removing their stagnation/frustration and discrimination, if any, in the matter of career advancement/progression and periodic transfers to the various disciplines in the ITDC services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules had been circulated at the draft stage amongst the Officers' Association and Unions. The comments/reactions received in response thereto were kept in view while finalising and notifying these Rules, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(c) The existing rules which were notified on 4.3.1985 take care of overall benefits of the employees of ITDC. In keeping with the instructions issued by the Government on the subject from time to time, the rules are/will be amended as and when required

Benefits to farmers due to declaration of coconut as oilseed

1115 SHRI M.A. BABY. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut have been declared as oil-seed;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the benefits to be received by the coconut-growers due to this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No notification has been issued. We have informed all the State Governments and U Ts and other concerned agencies vide Department's letter No 14-21/87-CA I (HA) dated 15-10-90, about the decisions of the Union Government to declare coconut as an oil seed of tree origin.

(c) During the current year no additional benefits will accrue to the coconut growers on account of it being declared as an oil seed. However, the programmes taken up for development of coconut by the Coconut Development Board during 1990-91 are detailed in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix CLVI Annexure No. 28]

Allotment of special quota of rice etc. to Kerala

1116 SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any special quota of rice, sugar and palm oil for Kerala considering the Christmas season, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN). (a) and (b) No specific additional allocations of rice and sugar have been made STC has supplied one rake of palmolein to Kerala Government in December, 1990.

Allotment of rice to Kerala

1117 SHRI M A BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state·

(a) what is the present rice allocation for Kerala; and

(b) the details of the rice allotted to Kerala from November, 1989 to November, 1990 month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN)· (a) The allocation of rice to Kerala for the month of January, 1991 is 1,42,500 tonnes.